LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Retail feature activity is good entering the weekend with bulk of the interest being in the Northeast regions. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 9.5 - 21.0 13.73

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady for the generally light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are mostly normal to less than normal. Movement of finished product was fair. Market activity is light to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

READY-TO-COOK FOWL

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb.delivered to first receivers; US Grade A and Plant Grade)

Price Range

Ice Packed (12/box): 80.0 - 86.0 Vacuum Packed (6-9/box): 85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

LIVE FOWL AUCTIONS

Hackettstown, NJ - Tue Sep. 25

		Price Range	Avg.						
Heavy Fowl	each:								
	per pound:	0.40 - 3.70	1.11						
Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Sep. 25									
Red Fowl	5-6 lhs:	0.50 - 0.60	ner nound						

ea Fowl 5-6 lbs: 0.50 - 0.60 per pound 4-5 lbs: 0.30 - 0.45 per pound

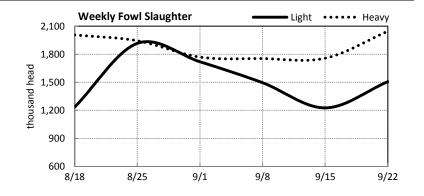
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs: 0.55 - 0.80 per pound

LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection Week ending 09-22-12

	Head A	vg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,507	2.95	2,401	54%
Heavy Hens:	2,046	7.95	10,573	65%
Total Hens:	3,553	5.83	12,974	

(head and ready-to-cook weight in thousands; avg. wght in lbs.)



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 09/28 to 10/04

(ad prices in \$/lb)	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	57	1.23	308	1.32
Northeast	57	1.23	207	1.46
Southeast			46	0.99
Midwest				
South Central			55	1.04
Southwest				
Northwest				

 $^{^{1/}}$ %'s reflect feature activity relative to the sample size of each region.

